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SUBJECT:R/V THOMAS WASHINGTON

REF: SURABAYA 41 & 58

1. SCRIPPS OFFICIALS HAVE RELAYED NEWS INDONESIAN INTEREST IN R/V WASHINGTON'S SURABAYA VISIT, AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH VESSEL MASTER AND SCIENTISTS HAVE SUGGESTED FOLLOWING TO DEPT:THE SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY ADVISES THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE USED AS GUIDELINES FOR THE UPCOMING PORT CALL OF THOMAS WASHINGTON AT SURABAYA 8 TO 12 FEBRUARY 1975: (1) THOMAS WASHINGTON IS AGREEABLE TO ONBOARD GUIDED TOURS AND CONSUL RECEPTION ASHORE AND RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING TIME SCHEDULE: (A) 8 FEBRUARY, DAY OF ARRIVAL. NO FUNCTIONS OR DOCKSIDE RECEPTION COMMITTEE SHOULD BE PLANNED. (B) 9 FEBRUARY, A 1 TO 2 HOUR GUIDED TOUR OF VESSEL FOR MAXIMUM OF 50 TOP LEVEL DIGNITARIES PRIOR TO CONSUL RECEPTION ASHORE. (C) 10 FEB, BETWEEN
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HOURS OF 9 AND 11 AM GUIDED TOUR FOR MAXIMUM OF 100 CONSUL

INVITED GUESTS IN GROUPS OF PERHAPS 25 EACH. (D) LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED ABOARD DURING TOURS BOTH DAYS.(2) APPROX 15 PERSONS FROM WASHINGTON, INCLUDING CAPT ALBERT ARSENAULT AND CO-CHIEF SCIENTISTS CURRAY AND MOORE, WILL PARTICIPATE. CURRAY AND MOORE MAY REQUIRE

CONSUL ASSISTANCE IN TRANSPORTING SCIENTIFIC DATA TO SCRIPPS INSTITUTE. VESSEL IS OF MODERATE SIZE AND WORKING AREAS ARE CLUTTERED WITH EQUIPMENT. NO OTHER FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE PLANNED WHILE VESSEL IS IN PORT DUE TO HEAVY SHIP'S WORK SCHEDULE. ANY PRESS COVERAGE SHOULD BE ARRANGED THROUGH CONSUL.

2. AS CAN BE REALIZED FROM ABOVE, MAIN CONCERN IS FIXING SOME LIMIT ON DEMANDS MADE ON SHIP'S COMPLEMENT DURING WHAT IS NORMALLY RATHER BUSY PERIOD IN BEST CIRCUMSTANCES. ALSO SPACE IS PROBLEM, AND IT IS DIFFICULT FOR GROUPS OF MORE THAN 25 OR SO TO GET ANY REAL BENEFIT FROM TOUR. LARGER GROUPS MUST BE BROKEN UP. WITHIN THESE LIMITS, SCRIPPS PROPOSAL SEEMS VERY GOOD, AND HOPEFULLY POST CAN ACHIEVE SATISFACTORY BALANCE BETWEEN LOCAL INTEREST AND WASHINGTON'S CAPABILITIES.

3. JAKARTA: REQUEST YOU ADVISE DEPT WHETHER GOI CLEARANCE SUFFICIENTLY BROAD IN TIMING AND PHRASING TO COVER VESSEL OBTAINING SERIES OF BOTTOM SAMPLES (EITHER DREDGE OR CORE AS BOTTOM CONDITIONS DICTATE) WHILE ENROUTE SURABAYA TO CEBU. VESSEL WOULD STOP ONLY BRIEFLY EACH SITE TO COLLECT SEDIMENT SAMPLE, OTHER WISE ONLY ROUTINE UNDERWAY OBSERVATIONS WOULD BE TAKEN. KISSINGER

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